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SUBJECT: DOD STEERING GROUP PROPOSAL FOR DOCTRINE AND
WEAPONS REQUIREMENTS DEVELOPMENT IN NATO

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1. REFERENCE PROVIDED SUBJECT PROPOSAL FOR USDEL MC
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COMMENT WITH INFO TO US MISSION.

2. THIS PROPOSAL WAS DEVELOPED JOINTLY BY THE SERVICES,
THE JOINT STAFF AND OSD, INCLUDING ISA, DDR AND E AND DP
AND E REPRESENTATION. THE PRINCIPAL THRUST OF THE PROPOSAL
IS TO PROVIDE A FUNCTIONAL MECHANISM FOR THE DEVELOPMENT
OF FUTURE OPERATIONAL CONCEPTS AND WEAPONS REQUIREMENTS.

THE CNAD GROUPS FREQUENTLY HAVE REQUIREMENTS FOR INPUTS BY THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES OF THREAT DEFINITION, OPERATIONAL CONCEPTS AND OTHER MATERIAL PERTAINING TO WEAPONS REQUIREMENTS. THE NMAS RESPONSE, AND THEIR MACHINERY FOR RESPONDING, HAS BEEN AND IS, UNEVEN AT BEST.

3. ALTHOUGH MC 138 HAS LONG PROVIDED A CHANNEL FOR THE MNCS TO INPUT CERTAIN MATERIAL TO THE CNAD GROUPS ON REQUEST, THERE IS NO MECHANISM FOR DEVELOPING INPUTS WHICH WOULD ALLOW THE MNCS AND NATIONAL MILITARY AUTHORITIES TO

MELD THEIR VIEWS. THE PROPOSED PROCEDURE WOULD PROVIDE SUCH A MECHANISM, AND IN THE CASE OF WEAPONS REQUIREMENTS WOULD ENGAGE THE NMAS (REPRESENTED AT WORKING LEVEL BY THE MAS) AND THE CNAD (REPRESENTED BY AN APPROPRIATE GROUP) IN A JOINT EFFORT TO DEVELOP AN INITIAL STATEMENT OF THE REQUIREMENT IN THE FORM OF A MISSION ELEMENT NEED STATEMENT (MENS).

4. THE NEW PROCEDURE WOULD OF COURSE FORM A PART OF ANY NEW OVERALL PERIODIC ARMAMENTS PLANNING SYSTEM (PAPS). BY CENTERING THE NMAS' WORK IN THE MAS, THE MNCS WILL BE AFFORDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY A STRONG ROLE ALONG WITH THE NATIONS, AND FRANCE WILL BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE AT ITS OWN DISCRETION. THIS IS IMPORTANT SINCE FRANCE PARTICIPATES IN THE CNAD FORA. THE PROCEDURE ALSO MAKES PROVISION FOR NAC/DPC PERMREPS AND MINISTERIAL REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF A NATO MENS, AS APPROPRIATE.

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5. IT IS INTENDED THAT THIS PROPOSAL RECEIVE ONLY INTERNAL US STUDY AND COMMENT IN THE US MISSION AND USDEL MC AT THIS TIME. YOUR COMMENT SHOULD INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS ON APPROACHES FOR INTRODUCING AN APPROPRIATELY PHRASED VERSION OF THE CONCEPT FOR ALLIED/ NATO CONSIDERATION.

6. MISSION COMMENTS ARE REQUESTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT NOT LATER THAN 30 MAY 1977.

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